

Representatives to honor the great sacrifices and contributions made by the Korean War veterans to preserve our freedom.

Fifty-eight years have passed since its outbreak on June 25, 1950, yet the Korean War has never formally ended. In lieu of a peace treaty, a cease-fire armistice was signed on July 27, 1953, leaving in its wake 4 million military and civilian casualties. H.R. 6363 will commemorate the Korean War Armistice Day by displaying the flag at half-staff in remembrance and recognition of the Korean War veterans and a war that has yet to end.

The truest heroes of the Korean War are the thousands who served without question and never returned home to their loved ones. This bill is to honor them, especially, as well as to salute their comrades who placed themselves in harm's way in defense of their country. Even as we place this spotlight on the fighting men and women in the Forgotten War, I also wish to remember the tens of thousands of families, both Americans and Koreans, who suffered through this bloody conflict.

Indeed, the Korean War was one of the bloodiest wars fought in one of the coldest winters. In just 3 years, the United States suffered 54,246 casualties and 8,176-plus POW/MIAs. A total of 26 nations were involved in the War (22 UN Allied, 1 Support; 3 Communist); yet few people understand that the lingering effects of the Korean War and the resulting stalemate continue to impact our world today.

Sandwiched between World War II and the Vietnam War, the Korean War is often overlooked in the public consciousness and often referenced as the 'Forgotten War'. The courageous service and sacrifice of our Korean War veterans must never be forgotten and deserves to be honored. Let us remember the 6.8 million American men and women who served during the Korean War period, June 27, 1950 to January 31, 1955. Only 2 million are surviving today and nearly 1,000 die each day.

#### TRIBUTE TO BOB SANDY

### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 26, 2008*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bob Sandy for reaching an important milestone of 60 years as a public servant to the people of Warren County, Iowa.

For the past 60 years Bob has honorably served Warren County. His work with the county began when Bob took a job as a surveyor and bridge inspector for the county engineer's department at the age of 19. In 1953 he earned a degree in civil engineering from Iowa State University. Five years later, in 1958, he was hired as the county engineer and remained in that position until 1997. In the following year, Bob was elected to the Warren County Board of Supervisors and is currently serving his third term.

When Bob began working for the county, there were no paved roads in the entire county. Over 150 miles of roads were paved while Bob was the engineer. His friends say his success has come from getting along with, and earning the respect of those around him, including those who have shared their dif-

ferences. In addition to his work with the county, Bob was a widely recognized and regarded sports announcer for local high school and Simpson College athletics with KBAB radio for 30 years. He also was the president of the Little League Association for many years.

I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in commending Bob Sandy for his six decades of leadership and service to Warren County. I consider it an honor to represent him in Congress, and I wish him the best in his future service.

#### HONORING THE EYE CENTER OF LENAWEE

### HON. TIMOTHY WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 26, 2008*

Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the one hundredth anniversary of the Eye Center of Lenawee. It is with great admiration and pride that I congratulate the optometrists, both present and past, who have served the eye care needs of the Lenawee community over the past one hundred years. From its founding optometrist, Dr. J Berris, to today's practice that boasts three doctors and nine staff members, the Eye Center of Lenawee has long been a familiar and trusted business in Lenawee County, Michigan.

The history of the Eye Center of Lenawee is full of quality care and dedication to the Lenawee County community. The eye care center was established in 1908 by a Canadian immigrant, Dr. J Berris, in Adrian, Michigan next to the Crosswell Opera House. Over the years, the practice passed through generations of highly qualified optometrists. In 1939, Dr. Robert Birmingham bought the practice and hired an associate, Dr. Robert Davis. In the late 1940s, Dr. Davis moved the eye care center to Maple Avenue. Upon Dr. Birmingham's retirement in 1979, Dr. Edward Schenkel, former Air Force optometrist, entered the practice and eventually became a partner with Dr. Davis. The center was moved to larger quarters when the Adrian Optometrists merged with Dr. Rick Allan Snow's practice in 1986. Shortly after the merge the name was changed to Eye Center of Lenawee, P.C. Today, the Eye Center of Lenawee has three resident optometrists, partners Dr. Rick Allan Snow and Dr. Jodi Kordyzon, and associate Dr. Kelli Lambert.

The Eye Center of Lenawee offers extensive and state-of-the-art eye care services for both adults and children. Services range from routine eye examinations and contact lenses, to treatment of eye injuries and laser vision correction. In addition to the numerous treatment options, the Eye Center of Lenawee is renowned for its knowledgeable and friendly staff that readily assists patients with scheduling appointments, arranging insurance coverage and the proper fitting of their eyewear. Over the past one hundred years, the Eye Center of Lenawee has never swerved from its firm commitment to first-rate patient service.

Madam Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Eye Center of Lenawee for one hundred years of respected business and outstanding service to Lenawee

County. May others know of my high regard for the exceptional quality of this business, as well as my best wishes for the Eye Center of Lenawee in the future.

#### URGING REFORM OF OUR INEPT IMMIGRATION LAWS

### HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 26, 2008*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to implore my colleagues to review, and subsequently ameliorate, the current state of immigration law. After the failure of this Congress to enact sensible, compassionate, and effective immigration reform last year, selective—and at times nonsensical—enforcement has been the rule. It has meant, in the face of inaction and silence on the part of the Federal Government, fragmented and contradictory responses from local municipalities, ranging from establishing sanctuary cities to conducting incessant, violent, and sometimes illogical raids and deportations. Waiting is no longer a suitable solution, particularly not for those hardworking undocumented immigrants, free of any criminal record, who live every day in fear, and certainly not for those legal immigrants who committed long-ago misdemeanors and become victims to the fervor for increased deportations.

A New York CARIB News June 3 article, "Deportation Hanging Over West Indian's Head," reports the case of the deputy chief of staff to a prominent New York City Council member—a legal resident—who now faces deportation because of a minor drug offense he committed 20 years ago as an 18-year-old. The law was meant to apply to those immigrants who have committed serious offenses, but in today's climate, it is increasingly being used against persons convicted of rather small crimes, like shoplifting. These are legal residents, having now become model citizens, who have built lives in this country and have none elsewhere, committing small-time crimes years ago as teenagers and finding themselves in deportation proceedings. This is just one example of an American immigration system that proves illogical, demands fixing, and provides blanket judgment as opposed to reasoned case-by-case due process.

As we forestall meaningful action on immigration, good Americans suffer. I urge that we get back to work on this most imperative issue, and do what's right for this country and its residents.

#### HONORING ART CHAN

### HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 26, 2008*

Mr. OBERSTAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Arthur Chan, a dedicated staffer and an exceptional public servant, on his retirement from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Over the last 15 years, Art has undertaken a number of critical roles on the Committee, and has been integral to the passage of numerous landmark pieces of legislation designed to rebuild America. Throughout his